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1. After HU Tsung-nan retreated from West Szechuan into Sikang Province, he was approached by two individuals for military support to enable them to carry on guerrilla operations against the Communists. One of these was YANG An-jen (羊安仁), a Miao tribesman and member of the Ke-lao Hui. YANG's headquarters is in the Chin-sha Chiang (金沙江) area, where he controls about 300,000 Miao tribesmen, most of whom have rifles. Since HU had a supply of arms and ammunition far in excess of the requirements of his own forces, YANG asked for ammunition, light machine guns, and hand grenades. HU gave YANG ten rifles. This enraged YANG, who determined to continue fighting the Communists without military aid from HU.
2. When HU reached Hsi-ch'ang (102-18, 27-53) the Communists occupied K'angting (102-02, 30-03). HU then still had the 1 and 27 Armies. While the Communists were consolidating in K'angting, it was attacked from the east by one division of the 127 Army, which had fought its way into the area from Kanchung. This division was under the command of General T'IEH Chung-t'ien (田中田), who was accompanied by the commander of the 127 Army, General CHAO Tzu-li (趙子立). T'IEH and CHAO retook K'angting and received a warm welcome from the local inhabitants, who sent a delegation to Hsi-ch'ang asking HU to join T'IEH and protect the approaches to Sikang Province. HU refused to move any of the troops out of Hsi-ch'ang, but sent a regimental commander to take over T'IEH's troops. T'IEH refused to give up his forces. When the Communist counterattacked T'IEH, HU refused to come to his aid, and he was forced to evacuate to the hills.
3. In March 1950, the Communist offensive against Hsi-ch'ang compelled HU to ask Taiwan for an airlift to Hainan. Taiwan provided airlift for one regiment and part of HU's headquarters. Before the airlift was requested, YANG An-jen sent one of his subordinates, General T'ANG Shih-ts'un (唐式遵) to request arms for T'ANG's guerrillas. HU refused this request; when the airlift began, the request was repeated and again refused, even though YANG went to Hsi-ch'ang and made the request in person. On the day HU left, he ordered that all depots in Hsi-ch'ang be opened to the guerrillas; however, the Communists were then near the town, and the supplies could not be moved and were partially destroyed. Both T'ANG and YANG escorted HU to the airfield, where they cursed both him and the KMT. They then separated and fled into the mountains, where T'ANG was later taken prisoner. Both T'IEH Chung-t'ien and YANG An-jen were continuing their guerrilla activities as late as April 1950.

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